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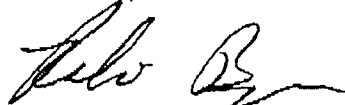
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

At first glance, many companies in the IT community were elated when the Department of Justice filed their suit against Microsoft. As time went on, however, it became evident that the punitive nature of the suit would probably end up more damaging than helpful to the entire IT community.

Now there is this settlement. I believe this settlement to be amply fair. It is my hope that it will prevail through this period of public comment, and that no further federal action will be contemplated. The settlement's call for interoperability protocol disclosure and Windows reconfiguration will ensure that more varied and effective computer software is brought to the market.

The IT business community has already been hit with slowdown and its share of business failures, both of which cut into the ability to quickly rebound. As the IT business has faltered, so has our entire national economy. It is time to put all of this unpleasantness behind us and allow the IT community to regain its position of strength. It is here that our economic recovery as a nation will be greatly enhanced.

Sincerely,



Robert Burger
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